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SUBJECT: UNEP: STRONG'S RESIGNATION

1. ON SHORT NOTICE, CANADIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR NUTTING CALLED ON IO DEPSEC MOREY TO DELIVER NOTE INFORMING USG OF ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH WILL BE MADE IN OTTAWA ON OCTOBER 10 OF STRONG'S APPOINTMENT TO SENIOR ENERGY POSITION IN GOC AND HIS CONSEQUENTIAL RESIGNATION, EFFECTIVE 31 DECEMBER 1975, AS EXDIR OF UNEP. FULL TEXT CANADIAN NOTE TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.

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2. IN PRESENTING NOTE, NUTTING SAID HE INSTRUCTED MAKE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS:

(A) GOC RELUCTANTLY MADE STRONG AVAILABLE 5 YEARS AGO TO ORGANIZE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO ORGANIZE NEW UN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM. GOC BELIEVES THIS JOB WELL LAUNCHED AND CANADA NOW HAS URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR STRONG'S RETURN.

(B) IT STRONG'S VIEW THAT UNEP DEPUTY EXDIR TOLBA IS FULLY EXPERIENCED AND COMPETENT TO ASSUME LEADERSHIP OF UNEP. TOLBA'S APPOINTMENT TO SERVE OUT REMAINING YEAR OF STRONG'S TERM, IN LATTER'S VIEW, WOULD ENSURE CONTINUITY OF LEADER-

SHIP FOR UNEP AND AT SAME TIME PROVIDE TIME NEEDED BY SECGEN AND GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY WEO, TO CONSIDER FUTURE LEADERSHIP. STRONG'S BELIEF IS THAT TOLBA'S NOMINATION AND ELECTION COULD BE EFFECTED WITHOUT DIFFICULTY FOR PERIOD JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 1976, WITHOUT PREJUDICE ANY UNDERSTANDINGS WHICH MAY NOW EXIST WITH REGARD TO PERMANENT LEADERSHIP OF UNEP AFTER 1976.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES, NUTTING STATED THAT CANADIAN PERMREP TO UN MAKING SAME APPROACH TODAY IN NEW YORK TO SECGEN, KENYAN PERMREP, WEO GROUP, AND HEADS OF OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS.

4. IN RESPONSE QUERY AS TO WHETHER GOC SHARED STRONG'S VIEWS RE APPOINTMENT TOLBA FOR ONE YEAR ONLY WITHOUT PREJUDICE SELECTION SUCCESSOR FOR NEXT FULL TERM, NUTTING RESPONDED THAT HE FELT THIS COULD BE ASSUMED, ALTHOUGH CANADA OF COURSE RECOGNIZED DELICACY OF VARIOUS UNDERSTANDINGS WHICH MAY BE INVOLVED.

5. DR. MOREY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR GOC COURTESY IN INFORMING US OF STRONG'S IMPENDING RESIGNATION, NOTED THAT STRONG'S FIRM LEADERSHIP OF UNEP WOULD BE MISSED BUT EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING OF GOC NEED FOR STRONG'S RETURN. DR. MOREY STATED THAT US VIEWS WITH REGARD TO STRONG'S IMMEDIATE SUCCESSOR WOULD DOUBTLESS BE SIMILAR TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CANADIAN SUGGESTION, WITH EXCEPTION THAT WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT APPOINTMENT BE MADE AS ACTING DIRECTOR FOR FIRM PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. FOR THE SAKE OF CONTINUITY IN THE EXECUTION OF UNEP PROGRAMS, A ONE YEAR APPOINTMENT AS ACTING EXDIR WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE SELECTION OF A SUCCESSOR FOR THE NEXT FULL TERM WOULD BE GOOD APPROACH. MOREY RECALLED THAT WEO'S HAVE IN PAST MADE CLEAR THEIR DESIRE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO NOMINATE CANDIDATE, AND

INTERVENING YEAR WOULD MAKE THIS POSSIBLE.

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